

Dear FCC,

The NAB's attempts to limit the functionality of satellite radio, in particular XM Radio's Instant Traffic and Weather is ludicrous. Satellite radio is a purchased product and thus it's the consumer's choice to pay for the service. If XM radio provides services that make the product that much more valuable to the consumer, then it's a smart business decision. The NAB's petition (04-160) is knee-jerk reaction to the advertisers of AM/FM radio. Standard radio is a free service to the consumer and it's the consumer's choice and right to decide on what they listen to or watch. This petition is as silly as expecting local television stations to petition against national cable stations for the right to their local weather and traffic. I think the consumer can decide what is best for their needs, be it XM radio or the local bandwidths. Keep the decisions to the consumers and focus our tax dollars in a more appropriate manner deciding issues that affect all Americans and not special interest groups.

Thank you for your time.

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